

## **Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Program Descriptions**

**Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).** Arkansas Rehabilitation Services provides vocational rehabilitation services to Arkansans with mental, physical and sensory disabilities to enable them to obtain and keep meaningful jobs. Services include counseling and evaluation to ensure a client's strengths are identified and maximized, physical restoration and medical services to prepare clients physically, academic and vocational training to obtain high quality jobs commensurate with their aspirations and abilities, and the equipment to ensure clients are adequately prepared to enter the workplace.

**Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center (HSRC).** HSRC is a unique facility offering a range of comprehensive services to Arkansans with disabilities. The Center offers two core programs: the Arkansas Career Training Institute and the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Hospital.

**Office of Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI-VR).** ODHI provides vocational rehabilitation services to Arkansans who are deaf or hearing impaired. Services provided are as listed above for VR.

**Office of Deaf and Hearing Impaired Independent Living Services (Title VII-IL Services).** This program provides independent living services to Arkansans who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired. Services include training and assistive devices intended to make the individual more independent in the activities of daily living.

**Supported Employment.** Supported employment services, including a job coach, are provided to individuals with a disability to assist them in gaining and keeping competitive jobs at or above the minimum wage. This service is available through a network of non-profit providers.

**Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs).** CRPs provide assessment/evaluation, work adjustment and extended services training for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services referred consumers in a vocationally relevant work oriented environment. The program provides basic employability/job readiness skills training, independent living skills training, transportation services, supervised off-site mobile work crews, work enclaves, target specific vocational training, and direct job placement assistance. These services are provided through a statewide network of community providers.

**Arkansas Consortium for Employment Success (ACES).** ACES is a system change grant program funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education (OSERS). This program works with the Social Security Administration to provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals who have applied for Social Security Disability Insurance in an effort to divert them to employment before they begin to receive benefits. TANF recipients are also eligible to participate in this program.

**Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN).** The Increasing Capabilities Access Network provides activities that assist the State in maintaining and strengthening a permanent, comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Services include capacity building, advocacy, information/referral, outreach, public awareness, training, demonstrations, used equipment exchange and equipment loan programs.

**Telecommunications Access Program (TAP).** This program provides access to telecommunications equipment to eligible Arkansans who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired or who have any other disability that prevents them from accessing the telecommunications system.

**Low Interest Loan.** A low interest loan fund was established in 1989 to assist individuals with a disability to purchase assistive technology. The original fund was used as match for a federal grant in 2002 to expand the fund to \$1.6 million. The new, expanded loan fund is called the Arkansas Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program.

**Creative Alternatives for Delta Area Transportation (CADET).** CADET is a \$1,375,000 grant over five years to provide transportation services to people with disabilities in the Delta area to assist them in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment as well as to enhance and expand the transit system for the future.